THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) Examination of the representations received and the related issues form part of the Review of the Drug Policy which has since been discussed in all its Retails on 18th, 19th and 23rd August, 1993 and finalisation of the decisions is at an advanced stage.

Wholesale Price Index of Bulk Drugs, Formulations and Medicines

1884. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the wholesale price index of bulk drugs, formulations and medicines now and what was that in August, 1987 ;

(b) what are the medicines in the basket of wholesale price index;

(c) since when this basket is continuing and the reasons for which it has not been made representative by removing obsolete drugs like Quinine, Amodinquine etc.; and

(d) whether it is a fact that real index of price increases is not reflected by this basket ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN IJEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The wholesale Price Index of drugs and medicines (1981-82= 100) in August 87 was 144.3, as against 251.2 (provisional) for the week ending 20-11-93.

(b) The list of names of drugs and medicines included in the basket in respect of the current series of the Wholesale Price Index numbers (1981-82 = 100) is given in the statement enclosed, (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The currently operated Wholesale Price Index Series With Base 1981-82 was compiled on the basis of the recommendation made by the Special Working Group set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, the then Dy. Governor, RBI. This working Group was constituted on the 1st April, 1982 and the current series was introduced w.e.f. July '89. A Working Group has been set up by the Ministry of Industry for revision of the current series of Wholesale Price Index Numbers.

Statement

The list of drugs & medicines :—

1. Vitamin tablets (A, B, C, D, & Others)
2. Vitamin capsules, ?.
Vitamin liquids,
4. Chloramphenicol,
5. Penicillin,
6. Streptomycin,
7. Tetracycline,
8. Powders/Graiiuiei (Other than Vitamin),
9. Liquid Oral (Other than Vitamin),
10. Liquid injectable (Other than Vitamin),
11. Copsules (Other than Vitamin) & Antibiotics,

l2. Tablets (except Vitamin & renicillin),
13. Ointments,
14. Syrup
15. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals n. c. c, and
16. Ayurvedic Medicines

Misuse of the Discount and Promotional Expenses Provisions by Drug Companies

1885. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that promotional expenses and discount are the areas misused by the drug companies to defraud the consumers;

(b) the reasons for which watch on promotional expenses and discounts is not kept when it is obligatory to keep a watch on profits;

(c) whether it is a fact that watch on profits cannot be kept without keeping a watch on promotional expenses and discounts ;

(d) the reasons for which Government are insensitive to consumer interests and is supporting the producers even out of the way; and

(e) what steps are being taken to fix the ceiling of trade commission and pro motional expenses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) In accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, Maximum Allowable Post-Manufacturing Expenses (MAPE) are specified for all price controlled formulations. All these aspects/expances and profits are part of the MAPE.

Revival Package for sick Industrial Units other than IDPL

1886. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to S. Q. 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1993 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering any package proposals for reviving sick industrial units other than IDPL also; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FELEHHSQ: (a) and (b) With the amendment made in December, 1991, the Government companies with the meaning of Section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956, came into the ambit of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The Act places an obligation on the management of sick; industrial companies to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in the prescribed manner. Accordingly, the sick public sector undertakings under the administrative control of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers have complied with the provisions of the Law.

Affairs of some units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

1887. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased 10 state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the operations have almost ceased for over two months now at the eastern units of Durgapur, Namrup and Barauni of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation :

(b) if so, details of the workers employed in these units and the reasons for stopping the production therein ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizer Workers Federation of India had suggested many ways and means to revive the fertilizer industry ;

(d) if so. the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have considered these suggestions; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) There has been a temporary suspension of production at Barauni and Durgapur units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) since September, 1993, due to lack of working capital. The fertilizer production at Namrup-I was suspended in July, 1992 clue to unsafe conditions of equipment supports and building structures. This unit